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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
ATSUSHI WATAKABE, ET AL. : EXAMINER: DOVE, TRACY MAE
SERIAL NO: 10/025,763 :
FILED: DECEMBER 26, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1745
FOR: SOLID POLYMER ELECTROLYTE :
MATERIAL, LIQUID COMPOSITION,
SOLID POLYMER FUEL CELL AND
FLUOROPOLYMER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 2, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I; Claims 1-12, drawn to a solid polymer electrolyte for examination. In addition, Applicants elect, with traverse, for search purposes only, formula (4) for fluoromonomer A and formula (2) wherein SO_2X is SO_3H for fluoromonomer B for examination. Claims 1-12 read on the elected species.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring restriction of the above-identified application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-12, drawn to a solid polymer electrolyte;
Group II: Claims 13-15, drawn to a liquid composition;
Group III: Claims 16-18, drawn to a solid polymer electrolyte fuel cell;